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TAGS: ASEAN, RP
SUBJECT: MARCOS-LEE KUAN YEW TALKS

1. SINGAPORE PRIME MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW LEFT MANILA FOR TOKYO EARLY MAY 29 AFTER A 19 HOUR UNOFFICIAL VISIT TO THE PHILIPPINES WHERE HE HELD PRIVATE TALKS WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS. THE VISIT AND PRESIDENT MARCOS' COMMENTS AT THE AIRPORT AFTER SEEING OFF PRIME MINISTER AND MRS. LEE WERE WIDELY REPORTED IN THE MANILA MORNING PRESS OF MAY 30 AND 31.

2. ACCORDING TO MARCOS, THE DISCUSSIONS WITH LEE INCLUDED A REVIEW OF POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE ASEAN SUMMIT TO BE HELD IN AUGUST IN KUALA LUMPUR. AMONG THE ITEMS DISCUSSED
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WERE THE INVOLVEMENT OF JAPAN IN THE MAJOR INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS OF ASEAN, AND THE STATUS OF THE 10 PERCENT ACROSS-THE-BOARD REDUCTION OF TARIFFS ON TRADE BETWEEN SINGAPORE AND THE PHILIPPINES. (INDONESIA AND MALAYSIA ARE NOT YET PARTIES TO THIS AGREEMENT, AND THEIR INCLUSION IS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE SUMMIT MEETING.) MARCOS NOTED THAT ASEAN IS SEEKING FREER ACCESS TO THE JAPANESE MARKET FOR ITS EXPORTS,

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INCLUDING SEMI-FINISHED AND FINISHED MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS.
ASEAN WOULD ALSO WANT ARRANGEMENTS TO GUARANTEE THE STABILITY
OF ITS EXPORT VOLUMES AND ITS EXPORT EARNINGS. NEWSPAPER
ACCOUNTS REPORTED THAT A NUMBER OF BILATERAL MATTERS WERE
ALSO DISCUSSED SUCH AS A NEW TAX AGREEMENT, A PROJECTED
INCREASE IN FLIGHT FREQUENCIES, AND THE POSSIBILITY OF AN
OIL PROCESSING AGREEMENT WHEREBY OIL FOR CONSUMPTION IN THE
PHILIPPINES IS REFINED IN SINGAPORE.

3. SINGAPORE EMBASSY OFFICER STATIONED IN MANILA CONFIRMED
TO EMBOFF THAT PRESIDENT MARCOS' REMRAKS ACCURATELY
REFLECTED THE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED. HE ADDED THAT THE DETAILS
OF THE AGENDA REMAIN TO BE DECIDED, AND THE TWO MEN
DISCUSSED HOW ASEAN SHOULD BEST PROCEED TO REACH A POSITION
ON THE AGENDA PRIOR TO AUGUST. SINGAPORE STILL HAS SOME
DOUBTS ABOUT RAISING THE ISSUE OF GUARANTEED EXPORT
EARNINGS WITH JAPAN. MARCOS IS PRESSING TO HAVE THIS TOPIC
INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA, BUT LEE REPORTEDLY BELIEVES THAT
THE JAPANESE RESPONSE IS SO LIKELY TO BE NEGATIVE THAT IT
WOULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE TO BROACH THE SUBJECT.
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